

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM HQ ADCOM PETERSON AFB CO//J-3//
TO HQ USAF WASH DC//XOO/RDS/PAX//
JCS WASH DC//NMCC EA//
JCS WASH DC//J-34 (STRAT OPS DIV)//
CCTC WASH DC//C331//
ANMCC FORT KITCHIE MD//EA//
HQ SAC OFFUTT AFB NE//DOC/SXR//
AFSC ANDREWS AFB MD//SDO/SDS//
303STCHOG PATRICK AFB FL//CC/DOA
DEFSMAC FT GEORGE G MEADE MD//
FTD WPAFB OH//SGBA//
ADCOM ALCOP MALMSTROM AFB MT//
HQ ADCOM CHEYENNE MTN COMPLEX CO//J3Y/J3J//
CINCLANT NORFOLK VA//
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J33//

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DET 1 4602CPUSS LOWRY AFB CO//ADBS//
HQ SPACE DIVISION LOS ANGELES AFS CA//Y6/Y6D//
SDSCS WOOMERA AS AT//CC/DO//
~~33TRAD VANDENBERG AFB CA//302//~~

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AFSCF SUNNYVALE AFS CA//VOD//

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SUBJECT: FLIGHT 9 OPERATIONAL STATUS (U)

1. DSP FLIGHT 9 MISSILE WARNING PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSATISFACTORY BY CINCHORAD. THE FALSE REPORTS OF 5 AND 13 APRIL COMBINED WITH THE INCREASE IN BLANKING REQUIRED TO CONTROL SPURIOUS DATA FROM SENSOR INTERNAL REFLECTIONS, ARE THE FACTORS IN THIS DECISION. THE FALSE REPORTS OF 13 APRIL COULD HAVE RESULTED IN UNACCEPTABLE POSTURING OF SAC FORCES.

2. IAW WITH THE SATELLITE ENGINEERING RESPONSIBILITIES SPECIFIED IN ADCOMR 55-55, VOL 1, REGARDING SATELLITE'S ABILITY TO SUPPORT MISSION, FLIGHT 9 WILL BE HANDEDBACK TO THE SATELLITE CONTROL FACILITY EFFECTIVE 14 APR 81 AT 2100Z. EFFECTIVE AT 2130Z, CGS WILL BEGIN OPERATIONS ON FLIGHT 6.

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MISSION SUPPORT ON FLIGHT 6 WILL CONTINUE UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.

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3. REQUEST SPACE DIVISION AND SAC/SX REASSESS THE OPERATIONAL
CAPABILITY OF FLIGHT 9. AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, CONSIDERING SCF
STATION SUPPORT AND 61 FLIGHT 6 SHOULD BE MOVED
BACK TO 70 DEGREES WEST.

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